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AGREEMENT OF COUP GROUP TO POSTPONE ACTION UNTIL
AFTER ELECTIONS

PLACE & DATE ACQ. LAOS, VIENTIANE (9 JULY 1965)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL:

FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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1. ON 8 JULY 1965 GENERAL VANG PAO SAID THAT THE PREVIOUS DAY TRUSTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTHERN FACTION OF THE COUP GROUP HAD ARRIVED AT SAM THONG AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE DECISION OF THEIR LEADERS TO ACCEDE TO VANG PAO'S REQUEST NOT TO MOVE UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS AND UNTIL AFTER THE CHARACTER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. THE SOUTHERN GROUP HAD AGREED TO VANG PAO'S REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION BECAUSE IT NEEDED HIS SUPPORT TO SUCCEED. (FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] CONTAINED COMMENTS BY VANG PAO CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GROUP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO POSTPONE ITS PLANS TO MOVE BEFORE ELECTIONS.)

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2. THE SOUTHERN GROUP HAD AGREED NOT TO MOVE AT THE PRESENT TIME SUBJECT TO TWO CONDITIONS. THE FIRST WAS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRY TO PREVENT ATTEMPTS BY THE OUDONE SANANIKONE - KOUPRASITH ABHAY FACTION TO ASSASSINATE OR TO USE ANY OTHER METHOD TO ELIMINATE ITS MEMBERS. IF THE OPPOSING VIENTIANE GROUP SHOULD MAKE ANY MOVE WITHIN THE COOLING OFF PERIOD THE AGREEMENT NOT TO ACT WOULD BECOME VOID. THE SECOND CONDITION WAS THAT NEITHER THE NEUTRALISTS, WHO HAVE BEEN SLOWLY INFILTRATING INTO VIENTIANE, NOR THE SANANIKONES WOULD START A REVOLUTION. VANG PAO SAID THE COUP GROUP WOULD NOT LET EITHER THE SANANIKONE GROUP OR THE NEUTRALISTS GAIN CONTROL OF THE CITY.

3. VANG PAO AND THE CURRENT COUP GROUP BELIEVED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN THINKING THAT IT COULD CONTROL AND FORCE THE VIENTIANE POWER GROUPS INTO A WORKABLE SOLUTION, THAT IT COULD KEEP THE LID ON VIENTIANE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS, AND THAT IT COULD GIVE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO THE MEN OUTSIDE OF VIENTIANE WHO WERE TRYING TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY BUT WHO WERE BEING SAPPED OF THEIR STRENGTH AND CONTINUOUSLY ATTACKED BY MEN WHOSE ONLY INTERESTS WERE SELFISH.

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